



9th September 2022

Welcome Back!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that you enjoyed the summer break with your families. A very special welcome to children and parents who are new to our school. We are delighted to say that our children have made a great start to the school year and school is a very happy place to be. We welcome two new teachers who have joined us this September, Miss Jackson in Class 5 and Mr Barker in Class 9. We welcome them into our Christ the King family.

Prayers and Thankgiving...

Sadly, during the holidays, Mr Mark Ryan's father passed away. May he be at peace as we offer our prayers and condolences to both Mr Ryan, Mr Michael Ryan and their family.

We also celebrate a wonderful addition to our Christ the King family. Mrs Burns welcomed her baby, Albert, into the world in July. Albert was born earlier than expected and is being cared for by the amazing team at North Tees in the Special Care Baby Unit, and of course his loving family. Please keep Mr and Mrs Burns in your prayers, and of course Baby Albert.

Uniform

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have sent their children to school looking very smart in our school uniform. The children are a credit to you and represent Christ the King impeccably.

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A small number of children have returned to school wearing earrings. Our uniform policy, set by our school governors and Trust, clearly states that children must not wear earrings for school. It is very important that we comply with this due to health and safety reasons. Any child wearing earrings for school will not be able to take part in PE lessons and will be restricted at break times too. Obviously, none of us want children to miss these essential activities at school, but we must put the safety of our children first. Covering the earrings is not enough to prevent accidents happening. We would ask parents and carers of children who have their ears pierced to remove the earrings before bringing their child to school. We thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Once again, we ask for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance at school. Our aim for all children is to have a minimum of 97% attendance over the school year. To achieve 97% attendance, a child will miss six school days over the course of the year. We understand children get poorly and some time off school may be unavoidable, however, we do encourage you to work with us to ensure your child is at school as much as possible as this ensures they learn as well as they can. We cannot authorise holidays in term time and parents may face penalty fines for taking children out of school.

School Meals

The menu for the coming term is on our school website and can be found here:

<https://ctking.npcat.org.uk/school-meals/>

Please contact the school office if you think you may be eligible for free school meals and currently pay for a meal in school.

Catholic Life

As a Catholic community, it is important that we attend Mass every Sunday. Please make every effort to be part of the Catholic community in Thornaby and take your family to Mass so that they can experience being part of a community. There is always a warm welcome and Fr. Pat delights in seeing families at Mass. Mass times are as follows:

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St. Patricks Church: Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.00am and Christ the King Church: Sunday 9:30 am.

As a Catholic school, we will of course assist parents in nurturing their child's faith. We will begin Class Masses next week, starting with Year 6. The parishioners appreciate it when families join them for Class Masses on a Thursday morning at 10am.

Battle of Britain Memorial

A reminder that this Sunday 11th September commemorates the Battle of Britain and the contribution of the Royal Airforce and celebrates Thornaby's link to the RAF during World War 2. A special service will take place at the Airman's statue on Thornaby Road at 10.45 am. It is a short service lasting only half an hour and we ask that children wear school uniform.

Curriculum and School Website

Your child's class teacher will soon be publishing a newsletter to share with you the teaching and learning that will take place this half term. Look out for updates on our school website. Our teachers update class pages where you can find out what your child will be learning each term. You can find this information on the Class Pages section of the website here:

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We will also add our Knowledge Organisers to your child's Google Classroom. These give a summary of learning across the different areas of learning that your child will be studying this term

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CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A date for Year 5 and 6 parents- St. Patrick's Catholic College presents...



And finally...

As we write this newsletter, the news of Queen Elizabeth's passing fills our news stations and our hearts with sadness. She has been an incredible monarch who has lived her life in service and dedication to her people. We will be marking this sad and historic moment with our children over the coming days of mourning and look forward to the reign of our new King. May she rest in peace...amen.

Thank you all for your continued support you give to our school and we look forward to a happy and successful year ahead.

God Bless

Miss Lickess

Mr Ryan

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